(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence maintenance of law and order as well as communal harmony are the primary concern of the State Governments. In so far as the Union Government are concerned, the Government have been providing assistance to the State Governments in a variety of ways to tackle the issues causing communal cleavage—both administrative and promotional—in a sustained manner *i.e.* assistance in improving their policing infrastructure, sending alert messages periodically, sharing intelligence with them, providing central Para-military Forces including the composite Rapid Action Force on specific request and issuing guidelines from time to time promote communal harmony.

The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, wherever necessary.

Restoration of original rate of subsidy for wind energy

1761. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the subsidy given for wind energy has been reduced substantially;

(b) if so, the rate of subsidy provided during the last five years;

(c) whether any demand for restoration of original rate of subsidy has been received; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The rates of Central Subsidy applicable for water pumping wind mills and small aero generators during the last five years are given in the statement *(See* below). There has been no reduction in the Central Subsidy for these systems during the last five years.

No direct capital subsidy has ever been provided for commercial wind power projects.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Statement

Rate of Central Subsidy applicable for wind energy systems

System	Central Subsidy (in Rupees)				
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Water pumping windmill					
(a) modified 12PU500	16,000	16,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
(b) geared type	28,000	28,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
(c) AV 55 Auroville	32,000	32,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Small Aerogenerator					
(a) community application, direct use by Central/State Govt. Defence, Paramilitary.	80% of ex-works cost of the system (including for R and D and academic institutions).	80% of ex-works cost Subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.0 lakh per KW (including for R and D and academic institutions).	80% of ex-works cost Subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.0 lakh per KW	80% of ex-works cost Subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.0 lakh per KW	80% of ex-works cost Subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.0 lakh per KW
(b) individuals, industrial users, RandD and academic Institutions.	Nil	50% of ex-works cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.25 lakh per KW	50% of ex-works cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.25 lakh per KW	50% of ex-works cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.25 lakh per KW	50% of ex-works cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.25 lakh per KW

Approval of Non-conventional Energy Sources Projcets

1762. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: